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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) Card Slots in
Personal Computer and Workstation Contracts

This memorandum announces a new policy regarding existing Department of Defense (DoD) contracts for personal computers (PCs) and workstations.

The Department's Multilevel Information Systems Security Initiative (MISSI) is intended to achieve a multilevel security capability for the Department's automated information systems, from user to user. As part of this effort, MISSI Release 1.0 provides security services to protect sensitive but unclassified information and critical information system functions. MISSI Release 1.0, a PCMCIA device, will be operational in October 1994. Today, many of our vital information systems have little or no protection against unauthorized access and place essential parts of the DoD mission at risk.

I have determined that protection of the Department's sensitive, but unclassified electronic mail is a minimum need that the Department must meet through the use of Multilevel Information Systems Security Initiative Release 1.0. Therefore, effective immediately, all procurements for PCs and workstations shall specify that all PCs and workstations delivered shall be capable of supporting at least two PCMCIA cards of the Type II height configuration. In procurement actions where a solicitation has been issued and proposals have been received, Components may proceed to award and modify the contract after award.

Not later than 180 days from the date of this memorandum, DoD Components shall also modify their existing contracts for PCs and workstations to require that all PCs and workstations ordered shall be capable of supporting at least two PCMCIA cards of the Type II height configuration.

Effective 180 days from the date of this memorandum, Components shall acquire only PCs and workstations that are capable of supporting at least two PCMCIA cards of the Type II height configuration. In the interim, Components may continue to place orders under existing contracts for PCs and workstations that do not support PCMCIA card slots. However, I strongly

encourage all Components to modify existing contracts and to start ordering PCMCIA-compliant machines as soon as possible.

To ensure compatibility with the MISSI and other PCMCIA-based products, the following specifications shall be used:

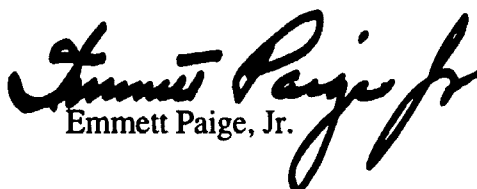
PCMCIA Standard	Release 2.1
PC Card Standard	Release 2.1
Card Services Specification	Release 2.1
Socket Services Specification	Release 2.1
Recommended Extensions	Release 1.0
AT Adapter	Release 1.02
Auto Indexing Mass Storage	Release 1.01

This memorandum applies to contracts awarded under the authority of the Brooks Act (40 U.S.C. 759) or the Warner Amendment (10 U.S.C. 2315), by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities. It does not apply to existing contracts with an ordering period that does not extend beyond November 30, 1994.

Requests for waivers from this policy for any individual procurement may be submitted to my Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense DASD(C3I Acquisition). Each waiver request shall include a concise explanation of the need for the waiver, including the benefits that will accrue to the Component and the Department if the waiver is approved, and the negative effects that will result if the waiver is not approved.

Not later than 190 days from the date of this memorandum, each Component will provide a report to my DASD(C3I Acquisition) listing the projected modification date for any contracts that have not yet been modified and the projected amendment date for any solicitations that have not yet been amended.

Please direct any questions to my action officers, Mr. David Mullins (703-604-1581) or Mr. Les Bloom (703-604-1585).


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